# Supporting research data services by LOD based authority data

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### Overview

- 1. Metadata handling in current information systems
- 2. Linking metadata to authority data (persons)
- 3. Embedding authority data into library and information workflows
- 4. Summary and outlook



## Metadata handling in current information systems

- Information systems
  - String based capture with (if at all) internal control of names, institutions, subjects etc.
- Library systems
  - Linking to internal identifiers (e.g. German PPN identifier), in a collaborative, but ,closed' environment (intransparent and nonaccessible to others)
  - Use of proprietary control characters and delimiters to "tag" identifiers
  - No continuous policy for introducing authority files (no general guideline, but case based introduction)





## Cataloguing and metadata maintenance

- Aggregation: In a distributed & networked environment, metadata is harvested and aggregated from different sources (not only library systems, but repositories, publishers' data, web pages etc.)
- Especially concerning research data, you cannot expect metadata to be located in one place (different registries for different disciplines and data providers)
- Lessons to be learned from harvesting publication metadata:
  - Heterogenous in spelling -> ambigious names
  - Compliance in spelling
  - Significant amount of duplicates
  - Registries for research data (yet) do not help







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0500 Asu
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3010 Gupta, Vrinda
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3013 Piggott, John! 39186923X! Piggott, John; ID: gnd/129263117
4000 How do Australian superannuation fund trustees perceive their role and effectiveness? / Vrinda Gupta, Henry Jin, Michael Orszag and John Piggott
4061 graph, Darst.
4070 /j2008/p200-219
5249 //50*Aufsatz im Buch -- Article in book
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7001 08-09-08 : z1k
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7800 889887543
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## Cataloguing and metadata maintenance

Approach to tackle these issues (among others for disambiguation, e.g. algorithmic and social)

- Metadata fields for persons, subjects and organizations are linked to identifiers which are persistent, accessible and linkable according to LOD principles (stable URIs, HTTP-requests, content negotiation, statements about these identifiers etc.)
- Local customizations (language dependent labels for persons, subjects etc.) still must be possible
- In the future, registries for research data may handle author identification better than traditional biographical data





# Data modelling based on Semantic Web / SKOS standards

Modelling of concepts...

URI	lang_de	lang_en	lang_fr
http://zbw.eu/stw/descriptor/	Finanzmarkt-	financial	crise
19664-4	krise	crisis	financière
broader	narrower	altLabel	close
Terms	Terms		Match
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		Finanzmärkt	
		e"@de	

Table 1 Concept representation with URIs.

...and persons according to SemWeb principles and SKOS standard:

<u>uri</u>	sumame	forename	variantNames	academicTitle	lifeData	affiliations
http://d-nb.info/gnd/124825109	"Snower"	"Dennis J."	Snower, Dennis James Snower, D. J. Snower, Dennis Snower, D.	Prof. Ph.D.	1950-	http://d-nb.info/gnd/1007681-5





## Example PND-/GND-Record

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<qnd:DifferentiatedPerson rdf:about="http://d-nb.info/qnd/118598546">
 <gnd:preferredNameForThePerson>Benedikt &lt;XVI., Papst&gt;
 <qnd:preferredNameEntityForThePerson rdf:parseType="Resource">
  <qnd:epithetGenericNameTitleOrTerritory>Papst/qnd:epithetGenericNameTitleOrTerritory>
  <and:counting>XVI.</and:counting>
  <qnd:personalName>Benedikt/qnd:personalName>
</grad:preferredNameEntityForThePerson>
 <gnd:variantNameForThePerson>Ratzinger, Joseph</gnd:variantNameForThePerson>
 <gnd:variantNameEntityForThePerson rdf:parseType="Resource">
  <gnd:forename>Joseph</gnd:forename>
  <gnd:surname>Ratzinger</gnd:surname>
 </grd:variantNameEntityForThePerson>
 <gnd:gender rdf:resource="http://d-nb.info/standards/vocab/gnd/Gender#male"/>
 <qnd:dateOfBirth>1927/qnd:dateOfBirth>
 <gnd:dateOfBirth>16.04.1927</gnd:dateOfBirth>
 <qnd:placeOfBirth rdf.resource="http://d-nb.info/qnd/4491052-6"/>
 <gnd:familialRelationship rdf:resource="http://d-nb.info/gnd/119141582"/>
<gnd:biographicalOrHistoricalInformation>Sohn von Joseph und Maria Ratzinger, Papst seit
  19.04.2005</gnd:biographicalOrHistoricalInformation>
 <gnd:professionOrOccupation rdf:resource="http://d-nb.info/gnd/4059756-8"/>
 <gnd:professionOrOccupation rdf:resource="http://d-nb.info/gnd/4044561-6"/>
 <gnd:placeOfActivity rdf:resource="http://d-nb.info/gnd/4050471-2"/>
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 <gnd:geographicAreaCode
  rdf:resource="http://d-nb.info/standards/vocab/gnd/geographic-area-code#XA-VA"/>
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  rdf:resource="http://d-nb.info/standards/vocab/gnd/geographic-area-code#XA-DE"/>
 <qnd:qndldentifier>118598546</qnd:qndldentifier>
<gnd:oldAuthorityNumber>(DE-588c)310182379</gnd:oldAuthorityNumber>
</grd:DifferentiatedPerson>
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# Additional context information provided by authority data

- preferred labels
- alternate labels
- gender
- life data
- profession and occupations
- family relationships
- (potential) links to other (external) information like
  - other identifier systems (VIAF, ORCID, INSI, PND, ...)
  - additional researcher information (from DBPedia or other LODdatasets)
  - list of publications associated with the person
  - contact data (to be maintained by the researcher)





# Additional context information provided by authority data

...all this data is supposed to be used for identifying and disambiguating persons!



## Embedding authority data into library and information workflows

Example: da|ra (registration agency for social and economic data)

- Uploading metadata
  - Autosuggesting names with additional information for identification <a href="http://zbw.eu/beta/econ-ws/examples/suggest2.html">http://zbw.eu/beta/econ-ws/examples/suggest2.html</a>
- Updating (and curating) metadata (from external sources)
  - Associating the name string with the identifier whose (preferred)
    labels (plus additional information) are exactly or closely
    matched.

Example: dataset <a href="http://hdl.handle.net/1902.1/13772">http://hdl.handle.net/1902.1/13772</a>, operation: determining contributor P. Martin





## Embedding authority data into library and information workflows

### Searching data

 Searching for authors/contributors: Autosuggest of names associated with an authority record + research data

### Showing data

 Once associated with identifiers, results could be augmented with additional linked data presented e.g. as a tooltip (to be solved: nested resources as URIs)







#### Start entering term:

#### **I**martin

Sala-i-Martin, Xavier (1963 - ; Wirtschaftswissenschaftler; Tätig als Prof. für Wirtschaft an Martin, Will (1953 - ; Wirtschaftswissenschaftler; International Bank for Reconstruction and Martinez-Vazquez, Jorge (1948 - ; Wirtschaftswissenschaftler; Tätig an der Georgia State Martin, Philippe J. (Wirtschaftswissenschaftler; Tätig bei Sciences-Po (Paris) und CEPR; Martin, Albert (1949 - ; Prof. für Betriebswirtschaftslehre; Schwerpunkt: Personal und Füh Martin, Stephen (1948 - ; Wirtschaftswissenschaftler; Michigan State University, Kranner Martin, Philip L. (1949 - ; Wirtschaftswissenschaftler; University of California / Davis Camp Martin, Ron (1948 - ; Prof. of Economic Geography; Brit. Geograph; University) Martínez Pería, María Soledad (Wirtschaftswissenschaftlerin; Senior Economist in the Fir

#### Selected terms:

Martin, Philippe J.



Martin, Philip L.

Martin, Philippe J. (Wirtschaftswissenschaftler; Tätig bei Sciences-Po (Paris) und CEPR; Federal Reserve Bank <New York, NY>, Centre d'Études Prospectives et d'Informations Start entering term Internationales < Paris >, Université Panthéon-Sorbonne < Paris >, Center for Economic Policy Research <Stanford, Calif.>)







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#### 1. 3. Other Titles

Add Title

#### 1. 4. Principal Investigators





## Summary and outlook

- The system of scholarly communication is in general dependent on a web of trust, and in particular dependent on reliable identity management
- Information and library systems yet do not support this
- Libraries and information providers could establish a backbone for authority data which is crucial for identifying persons on the web
- Semantic Web technology could help to mesh up local information with a layer of centrally provided and updated authority data
- To become first-class objects like publications, research data resp.
   their records should be linked from authority data







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## Identifier systems

Which one to chose?

"It will take some time to determine which agent or coalition of agents in the scholarly communication game will end up providing the most reliable and useful author identification system. [J. Pitman (2012), Author Identity and Open Bibliography, <a href="http://bulletin.imstat.org/2012/03/author-identity-and-open-bibliography/">http://bulletin.imstat.org/2012/03/author-identity-and-open-bibliography/</a>]

- Criteria
  - Coverage?
  - Integration with other identifier systems?
  - Availability?
  - Machine readable formats?
  - Support by publishers?
  - Support by researchers (authorising)?
  - Terms of use / Licensing?
- Services?





### Systems for (author) identification

#### Candidates:

- VIAF (,Virtual Internet Authority File http://viaf.org/)
  - Players: National Libraries, OCLC
  - Goal: Interlinking of national authority records
  - Status:
- ORCID
  - Players:
  - Goal:
  - Status:
- ISNI (,International Name Standard Identifier http://www.isni.org/)
  - Players: Societies, Proquest, National Libaries, OCLC
  - Goal: To serve as a ,bridge identifier for different local identifier systems
  - Status: ISO Standard, supported by OCLC





## Provision of and access to Linked Authority Data

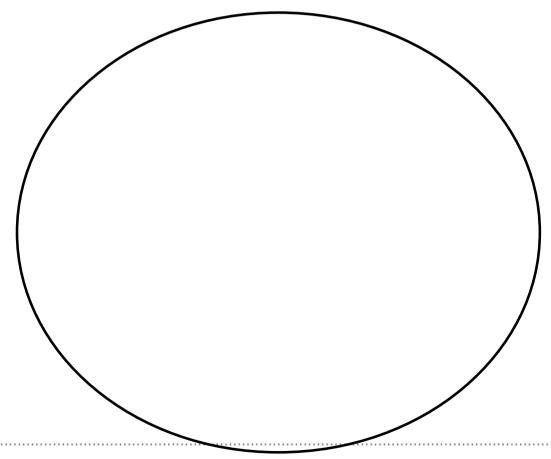
- Provision (RDF, RDFa, JSON, SPARQL-Endpoint, Turtle-files,...)
- Access: ReST (other approaches?)
- Lightweight integration into applications and augmentation of local, yet unconnected information





## Authority data – other categories

According to German National Library (DNB):



## Systems for (author) identification (II)

- PND
  - Players:
  - Goal:
  - Status:
- URI
  - Players:
  - Goal:
  - Status:

